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First Ladies

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Free with paid admission (\$7 for adults) to the Museum.

Based on the popular Smithsonian exhibition of the same name, *First Ladies* examines the duties of the presidential partner. It explores how the role created by Martha Washington and Abigail Adams has developed into one of celebrity and power. Through the clothing, collectibles, and portraits of forty-two First Families, visitors experience the campaign trails, diplomatic missions, and social causes championed by presidents' wives throughout our nation's history.

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